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NOVEMBER MILK PRODUCTION DOWN

New York dairy herds produced 965 million pounds of milk during November according to Stephen Ropel, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field office. Milk cows declined while production per cow was unchanged from the previous year resulting in a 2.1 percent decrease in milk production compared to November 2008. The number of milk cows averaged 611,000 head, down 13,000 head from November of the previous year. Milk per cow averaged 1,580 pounds, unchanged from the November 2008 rate.

Dairy farmers in the Empire State received an average of \$14.80 per hundredweight of milk sold during November, up 50 cents from October but \$2.60 less than November a year ago.

Milk production in the 23 major States during November totaled 14.0 billion pounds, down 1.0 percent from November 2008. October revised production at 14.3 billion pounds, was down 1.2 percent from October 2008. The October revision represented a decrease of 12 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,679 pounds for November, 25 pounds above November 2008. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.31 million head, 209,000 head less than November 2008, and 6,000 head less than October 2009.

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